

(4) A description of any recent or expected modernization of NWS operation which will enhance services in the service area;

(5) An identification of any area within the affected service area which would not receive coverage (at an elevation of 10,000 feet) by the next generation weather radar network;

(6) Evidence, based upon operational demonstration of modernized NWS operations, which was considered in reaching the conclusion that no degradation in service will result from such action including the ASOS Commissioning Report; series of three letters between NWS and FAA confirming that weather services will continue in full compliance with applicable flight aviation rules after ASOS commissioning; Surface Aviation Observation Transition Checklist documenting transfer of augmentation and backup responsibility from NWS to FAA; successful resolution of ASOS user confirmation of services complaints; and an in-place supplementary data program at the responsible future Weather Forecast Office(s).

(7) A letter appointing the liaison officer.

These proposed certifications do not include any report of the Committee which could be submitted in accordance with sections 706(b)(6) and 707(c) of Pub. Law 102-567. At their December 14, 1995 meeting the members “* * * resolved that the MTC modify its procedure to eliminate proposed certification consultations of noncontroversial closings, consolidations, relocations, and automation certifications but will provide final consultation on certifications after public comment and before final submission to the Secretary of Commerce.”

Documentation supporting the proposed certifications is too voluminous to publish. Copies of the supporting documentation can be obtained through the contact listed above.

Once all public comments have been received and considered, the NWS will complete consultation with the Committee and determined whether to proceed with the final certifications. If decisions to certify are made, the Secretary of Commerce must publish the final certifications in the FR and transmit the certifications to the appropriate Congressional committees prior to automating these offices.

Dated: September 24, 1996.

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Assistant Administrator for Weather Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[I.D. 091196C]

Marine Mammals; Scientific Research Permit (P6P)

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce; and Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), Interior.

ACTION: Receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, NHB 390, MRC 108, 10th & Constitution Ave., SW., Washington, D.C. 20560, has applied in due form for a permit to take marine mammals for purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before October 30, 1996.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment (see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for locations).

Written data or views, or requests for a public hearing on this request, should be submitted to the Director, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular request would be appropriate.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the Federal Register, NMFS is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered fish and wildlife (50 CFR 222.23) and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

The applicant requests a permit to salvage and/or import/export, over a 5-

year period, carcasses and/or specimen materials from an unspecified number of all species of marine mammals of any age and of both sexes, world wide. Specimen materials will be obtained from: Dead, naturally stranded animals and/or from animals legally taken (killed) in the country of origin as a result of fishery interactions, aboriginal takes, or as a part of research or management programs; biopsies from live free-ranging marine mammals taken by other individuals who have the appropriate authority; and captive animals kept in public display institutions.

The application and related documents may be viewed at the following locations:

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

Director, NMFS, Alaska Region, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668 (907/586-7221);

Director, NMFS, Northwest Region, 7600 Sand Point Way, NE, BIN C15700, Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0070 (206/526-6150);

Director, NMFS, Southwest Region, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (310/980-4001);

Director, NMFS, Northeast Region, One Blackburn Dr., Gloucester, MA 01930-2298 (508/281-9250);

Director, NMFS, Southeast Region, 9721 Executive Center Dr. North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432 (813/570-5301); and

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 432, Arlington, VA 22203 (1-800/358-2104).

Dated: September 20, 1996.

Ann D. Terbush,

Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

Dated: September 20, 1996.

Margaret Tieger,

Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Application of the Chicago Board of Trade for Designation as a Contract Market in Eurodollar Futures Options

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.